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SUBJECT: EVACUATION

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1. FROM CONVERSATION WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES, SITUATION
HERE AS FAR AS HANDLING SEA EVACUATION FROM CYPRUS
CONCERNED IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. LEBANSE CAN BERTH ONE SHIP AND SHIP CAN BE
ANY ONE IN THE EVAUCATION TASK FORCE. LPD WOULD OF
COURSE GIVE US LOWEST POLITICAL PROFILE. WE CAN HANDLE
HELO SHIP TO SHORE BUT CONSIDER THIS LEAST DESIREABLE
OPTION.

B. TIMING OF COURSE IMPORTANT TO US. WE WOULD
NOT WANT LANDING DURING NIGHT AND WOULD PREFER THAT
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IT BE AROUND NOON. IF, HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY TO SAIL

TONIGHT FOR EARLY MORNING LANDING, WE MUST KNOW IMMEDIATELY
SO WE CAN ARRANGE HAVE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AVAILABLE,
BUSES LINED UP, ETC.

2. WE MUST ALSO KNOW IN ANY EVENT TOTAL NUMBER OF EVACUEES
IN ORDER TO RESERVE HOTEL SPACE. ARE THERE MORE THAN THE
343 AMERICAN EVACUEES LISTED SO FAR? WOULD HOPE THAT
SMALL NUMBER LEBANESE EVACUEES WOULD BE INCLUDED AS SUCH
WOULD MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR GOL IN RECEIVING U.S. NAVAL SHIPS.
WILL NEED HAVE TOTAL NUMBER EVACUEES BY NATIONALITY. GODLEY

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